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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In a telephone conversation with the examiner on April 26, 2005, the examiner told Applicants' attorney that the examiner did not adequately understand the claimed invention when issuing the final office action on April 19, 2005. The examiner stated that he is withdrawing the rejections made in the April 19 office action.

To make the claims clearer, the examiner and Applicants' attorney agreed on certain amendments to the claim language, which are made herein. The examiner stated that, even if he finds new prior art relevant to the amended claims, the next rejection, if any, will not be a final rejection.

Applicants' attorney appreciates the examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.